

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant(s):** William W. Feng et al.  
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Material in Finite Element Analysis  
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**Preliminary Amendment**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** begin on page 2 of this paper

**REMARKS** begin on page 7 of this paper.